

**United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Criminal Investigation Division  
Investigative Activity Report**

**Case Number:**

1000-0494

**Case Title:**

Cooke Aquaculture Fish Farm Release

**Subject of Report:**

2018-04-26 Phone Interview of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**Reporting Office:**

Seattle, WA, Area Office

**Activity Date:**

April 26, 2018

**Reporting Official and Date:**

[REDACTED]

Agent

25-MAY-2018, Signed by: [REDACTED]

**Approving Official and Date:**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

29-MAY-2018, Approved by: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**SYNOPSIS**

On April 26, 2018, SA [REDACTED] conducted a phone interview of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] in Anacortes, Washington.

**DETAILS**

On April 26, 2018, I conducted a phone interview of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] in Anacortes, Washington. After being notified of the identity of the interviewing agent, the nature of the interview and agreeing to the interview being recorded, [REDACTED], in substance, provided the following information:

**BACKGROUND:**

[REDACTED]

**RECORDED INTERVIEW HIGHLIGHTS:**

(8:15) [REDACTED] worked for [REDACTED] who joined the company in approximately March of 2015. [REDACTED] worked for [REDACTED] for [REDACTED].

(14:50) [REDACTED] believes there would be a substantial growth difference between July and September of 2017 if the Net Pen #2 Atlantic Salmon were harvested early. [REDACTED] believes the Atlantic Salmon were approximately 3.7 kilos (8.15 lbs.) at the time of the net pen's initial July issues. In [REDACTED] opinion, the fish would have gained between 300-400 grams between July and August. The Atlantic Salmon can be harvested at any weight the owners wish to take them to market.

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(19:00) On a visit to Net Pen #2 after the July 2017 incident, ■ noticed the chains on top of the net pen. ■ does not believe this to be a normal thing and that the company was trying to better secure the net pen system.

(22:30) ■ remembers a Cooke employee named ■, after the August fish escape.

(24:00) The Atlantic Salmon in Net Pen #2 were a combination of males and females and have the capability of reproducing. ■ does not believe the fish will try to reproduce in the waters of the Puget Sound area.

(26:00) ■ doesn't believe that the Atlantic Salmon would be able to fend for themselves once they escaped as they are trained to feed by hand delivered food.

Agent note: This IAR is not a verbatim transcription of the interview. This interview will be transcribed later and used in this case investigation.

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